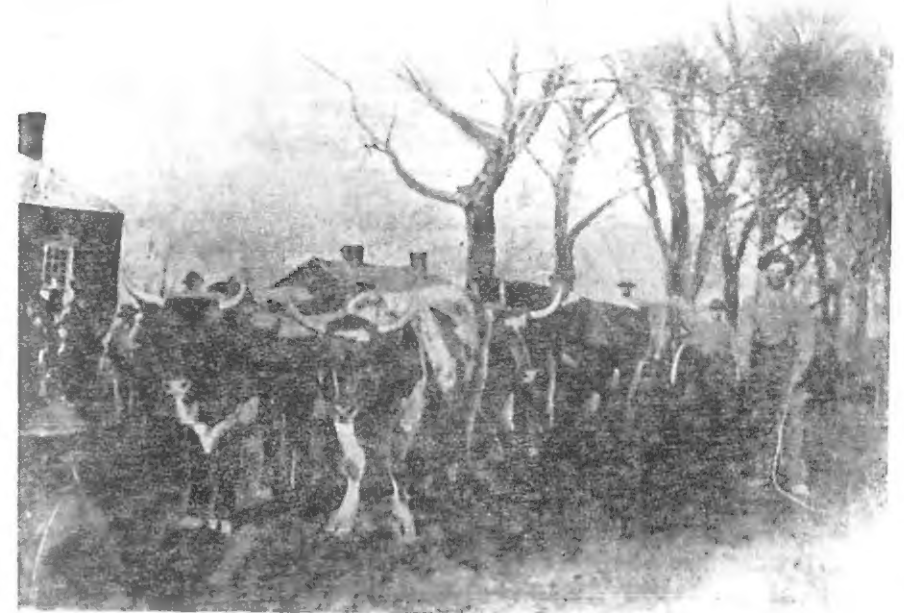
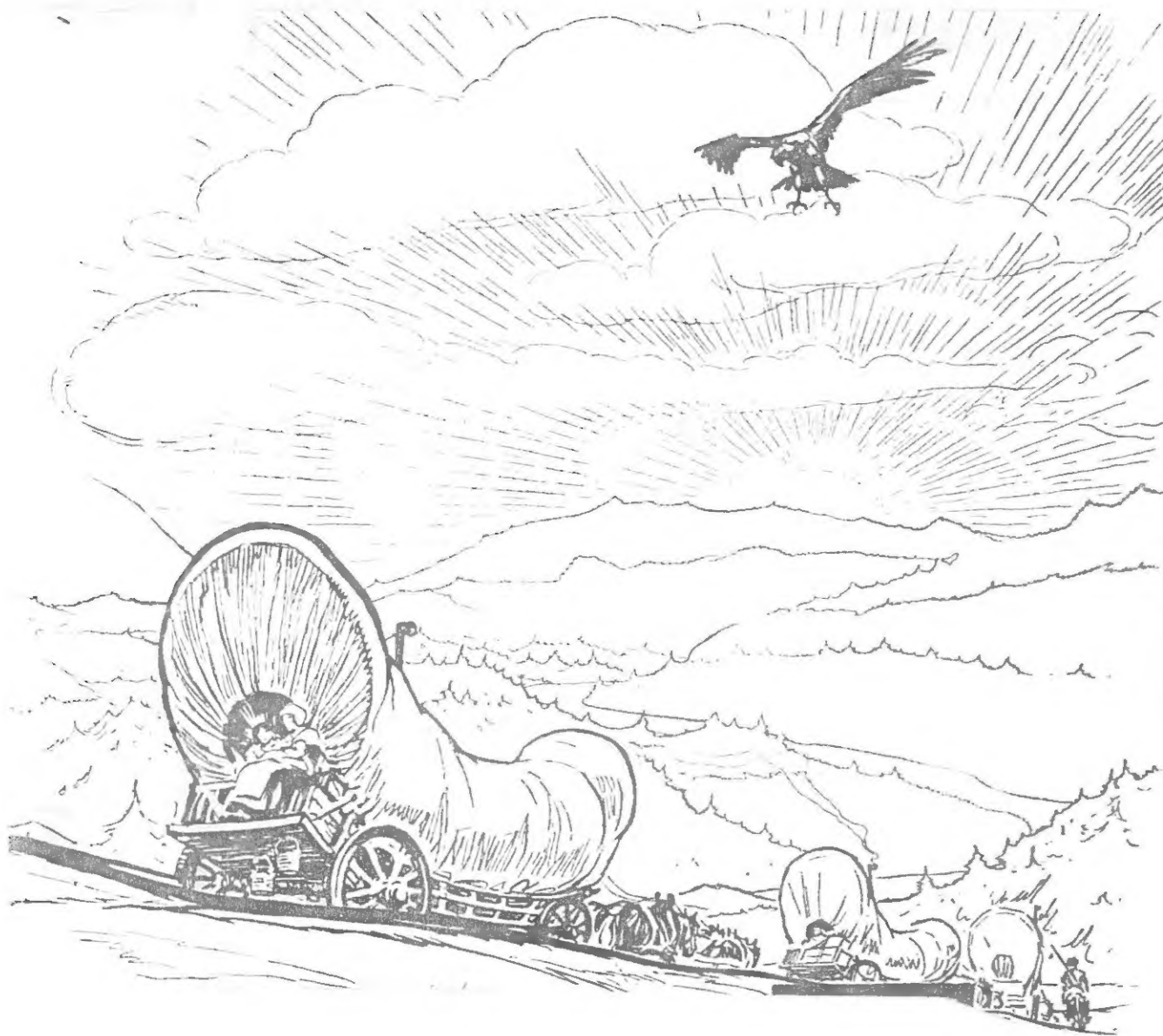


Pioneer Modes of Travel



Typical Ox Team
—Courtesy of Utah Historical Society





CONESTOGA WAGON was a sturdy, colorful covered wagon used by American pioneers. It was named for the Pennsylvania town where it was first built in the middle 1700's. Conestogas carried most of the freight and people that moved west over the Alleghenies from the time of the Revolutionary War until about 1850. These wagons were sometimes called the *camels of the prairies*.

Both ends of the wagon were built higher than the middle. The white canvas roof was high and rounded. Wheels with broad rims prevented bogging down in mud. These could be removed and the wagon could be used as a boat. Conestoga wagons were drawn by teams of from four to six horses.

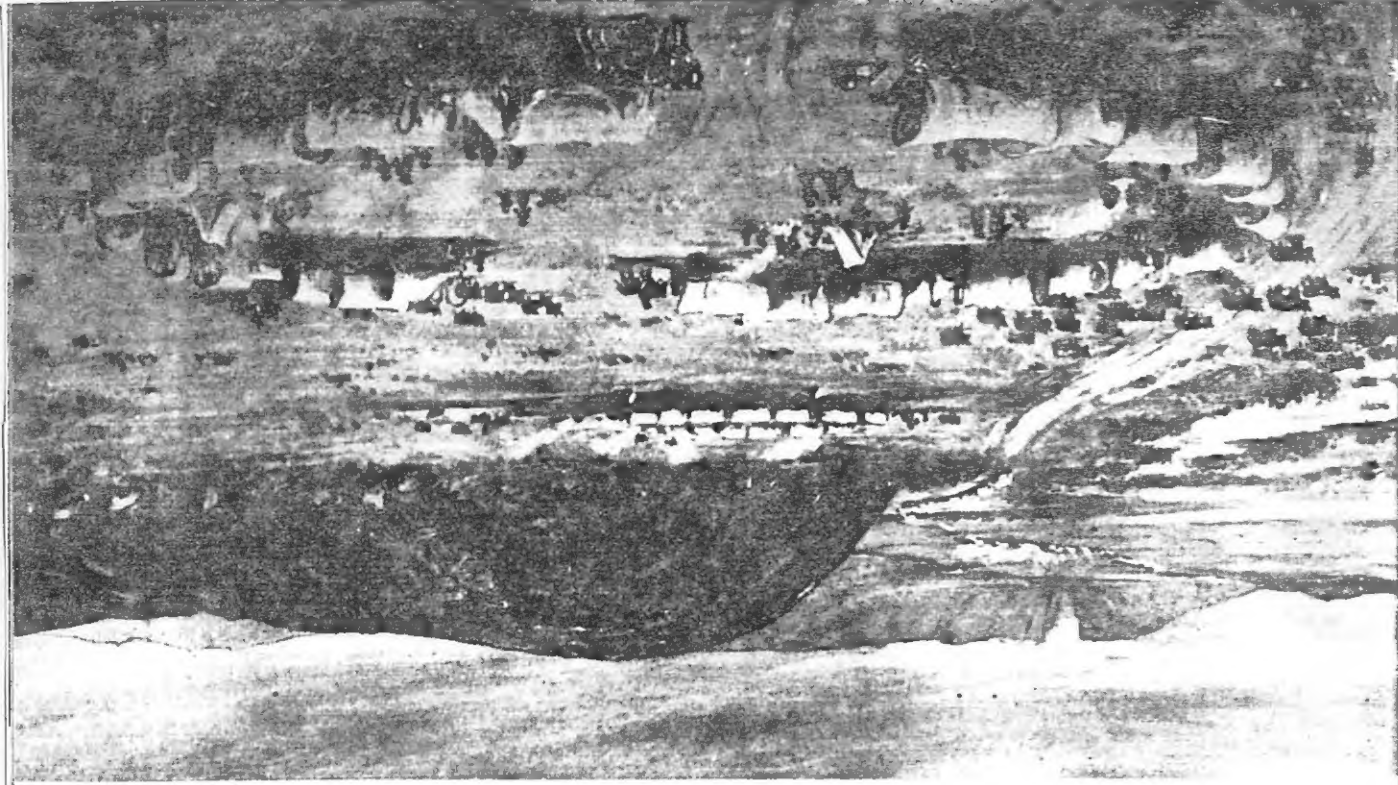
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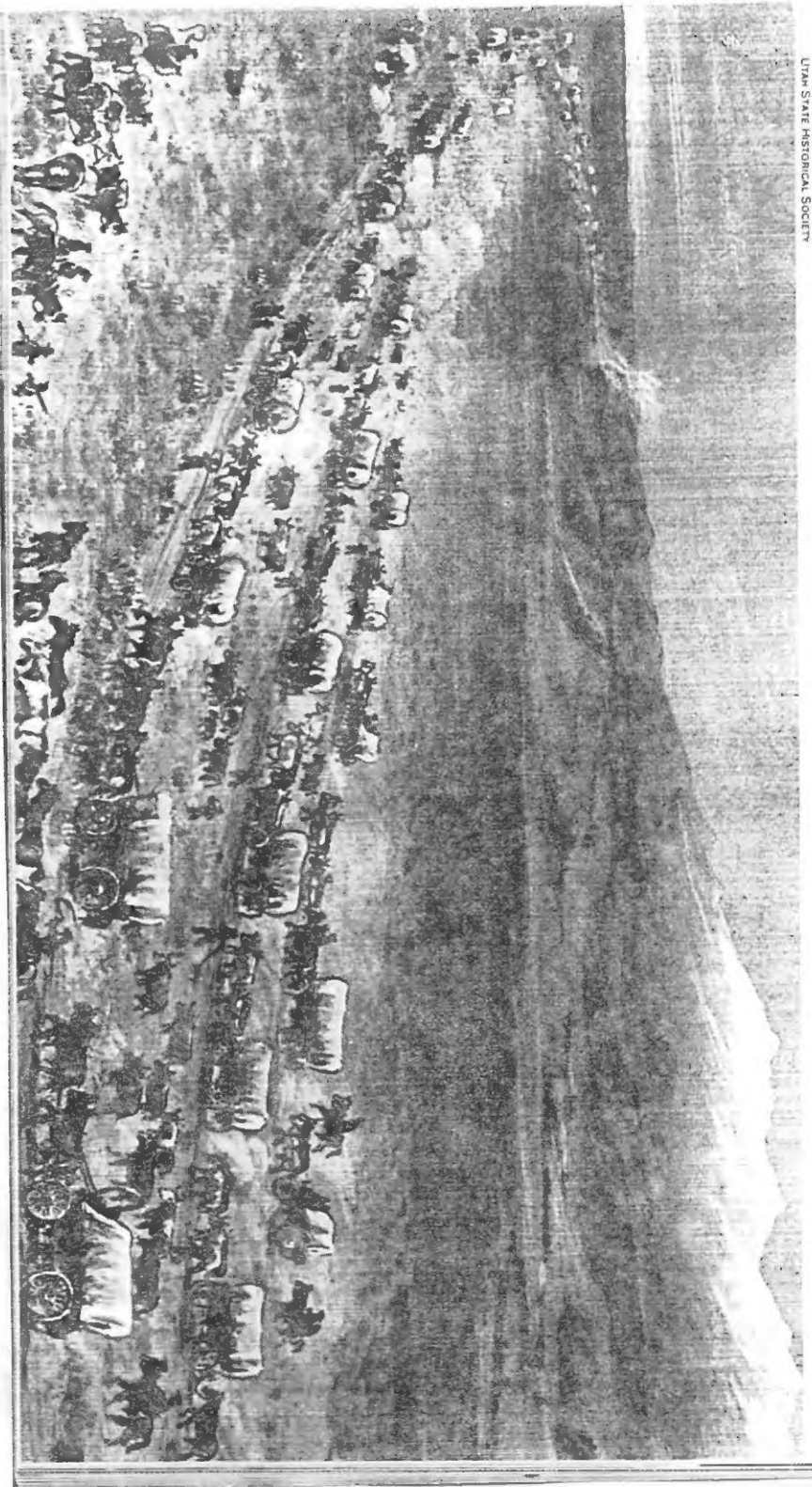
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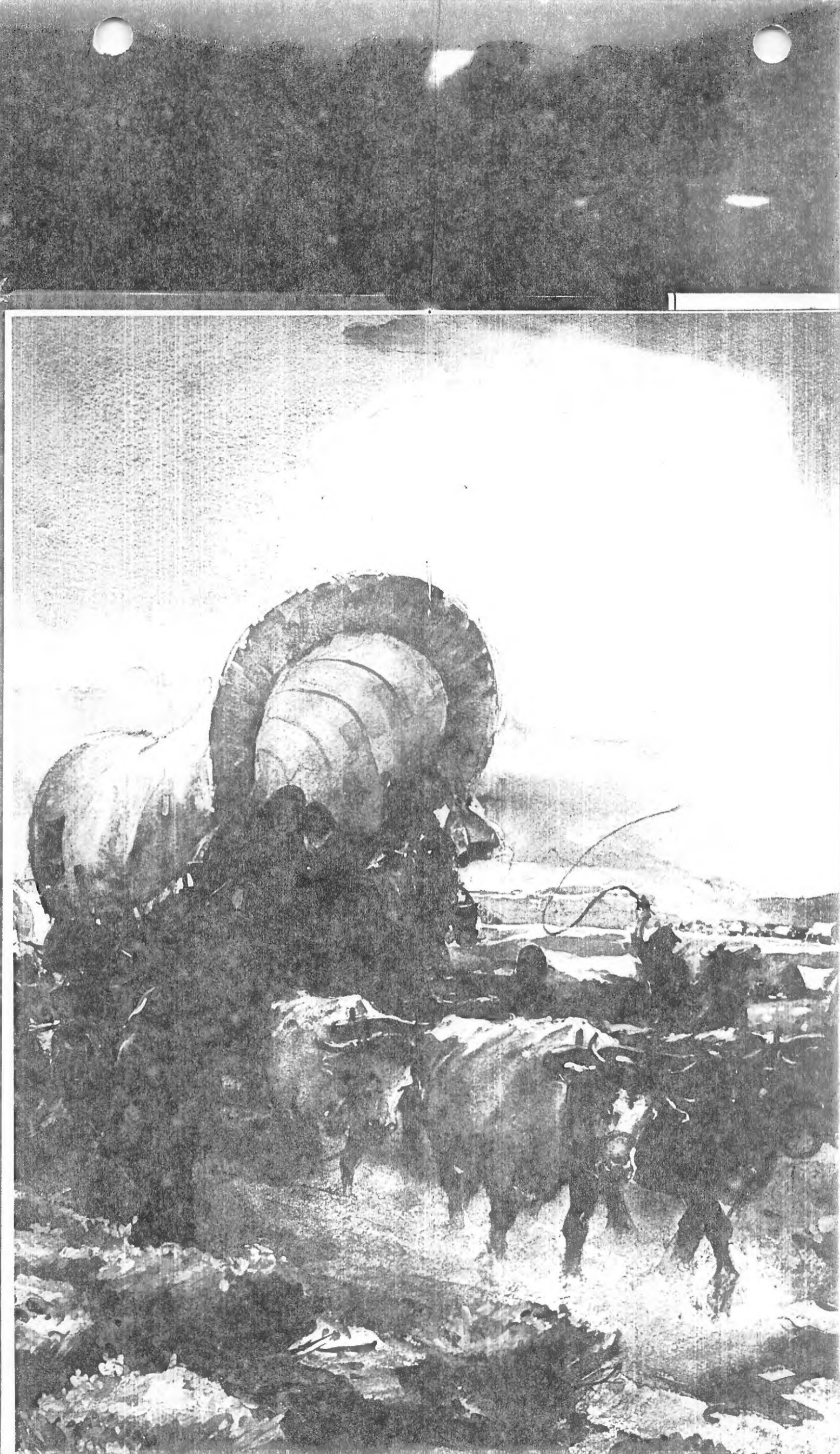
Conestoga Wagons replaced horse pack trains, and were the long-distance freight carriers before the railroads were completed.



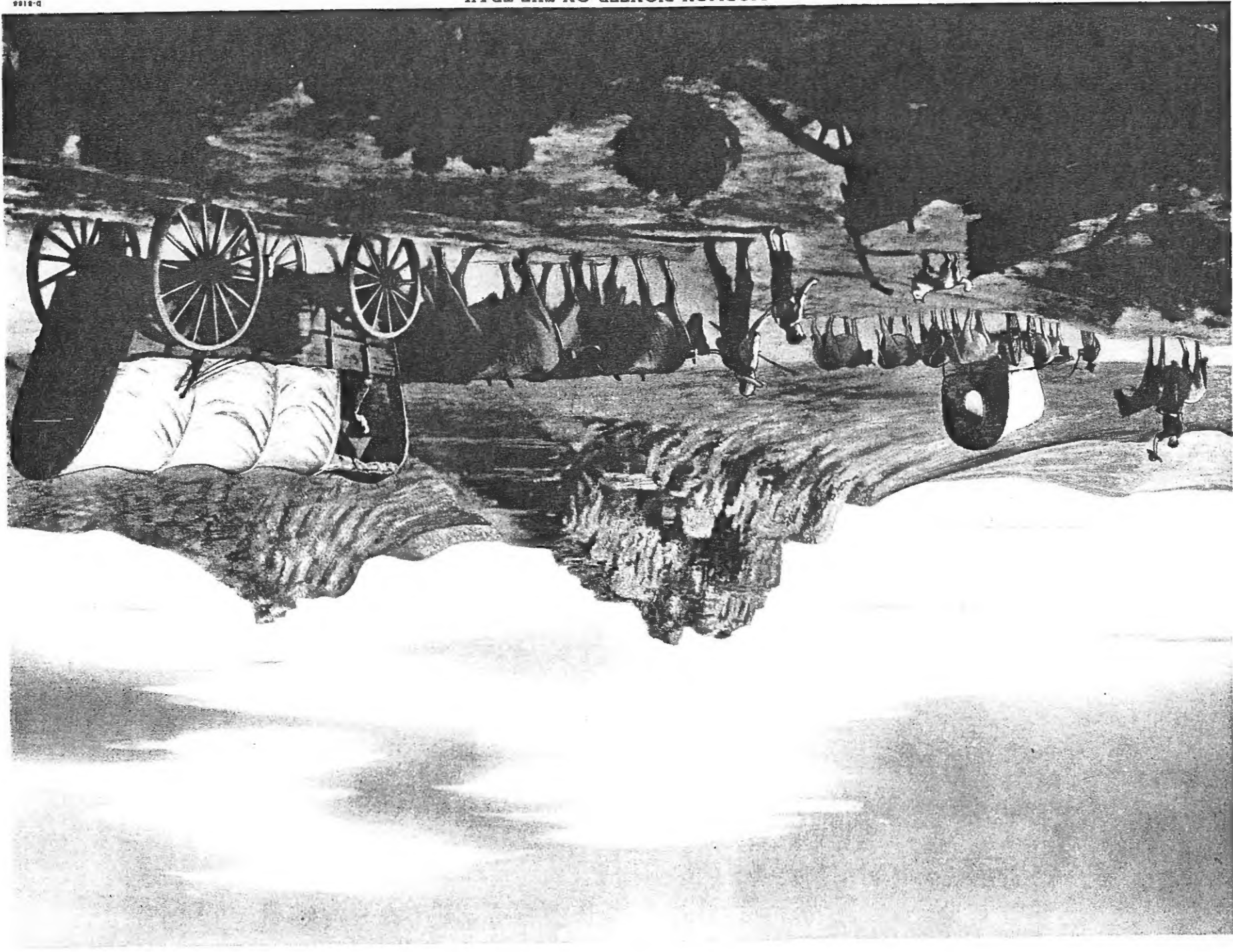
A pioneer covered wagon train crossing the plains

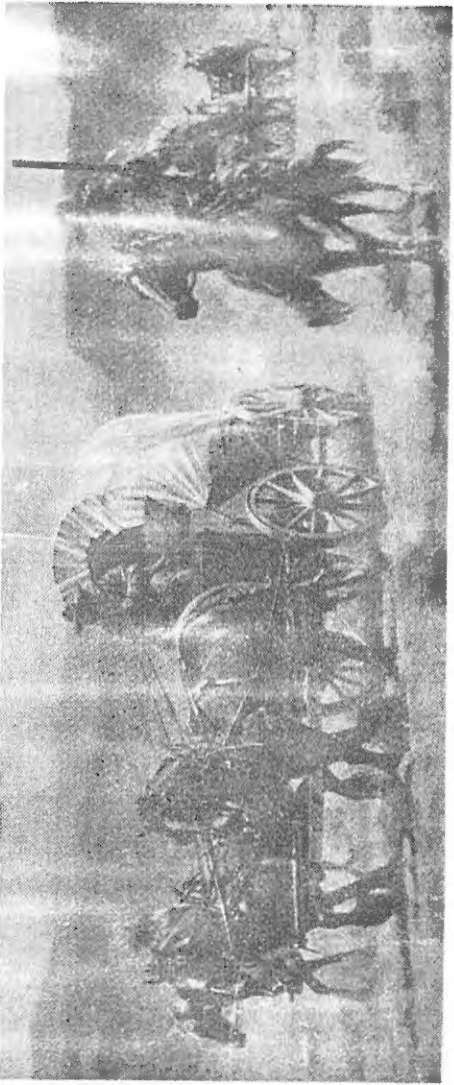
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MORMON PIONEER ON THE TRAIL





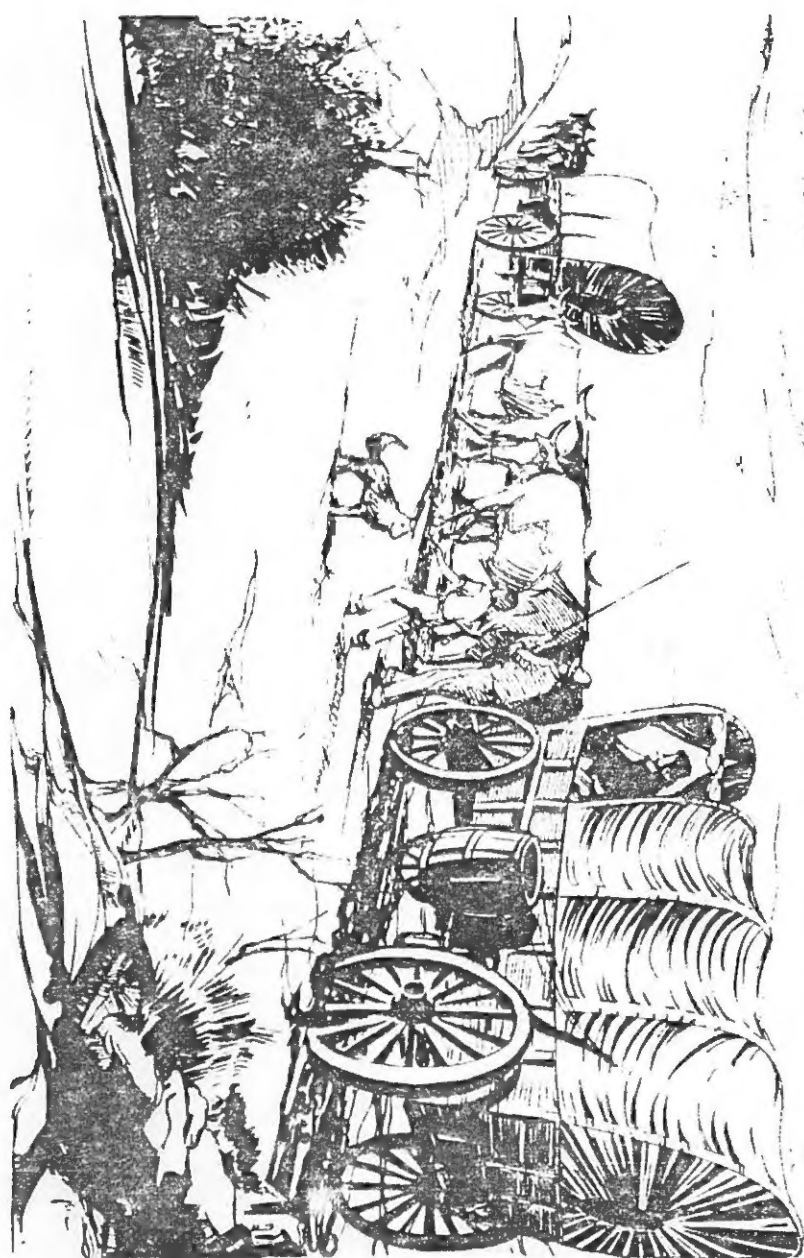




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Pioneers crossing the plains to Utah

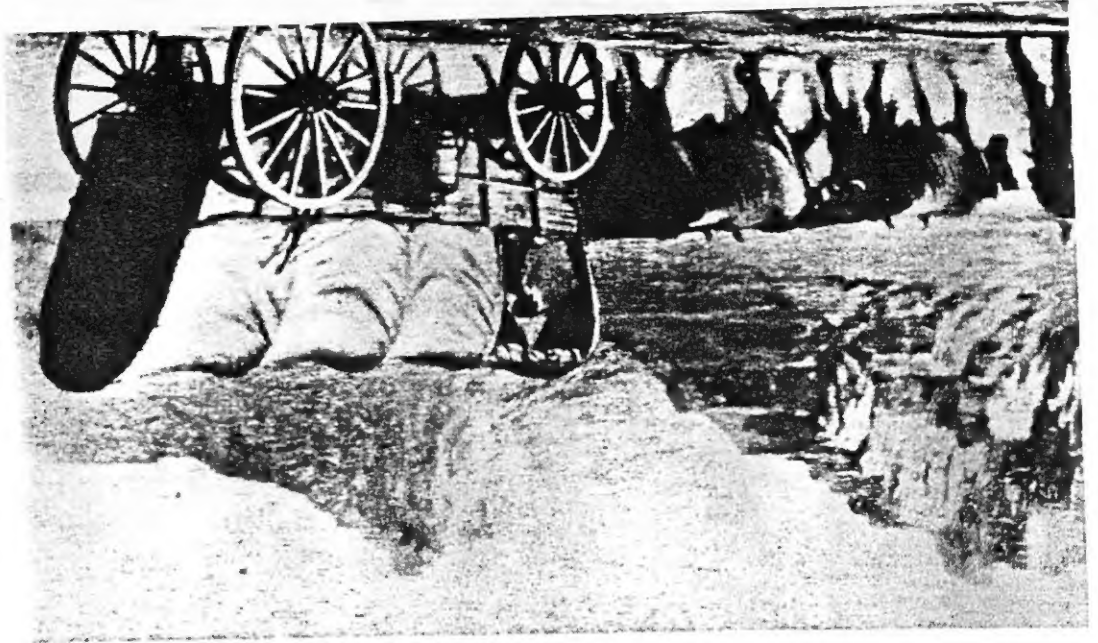
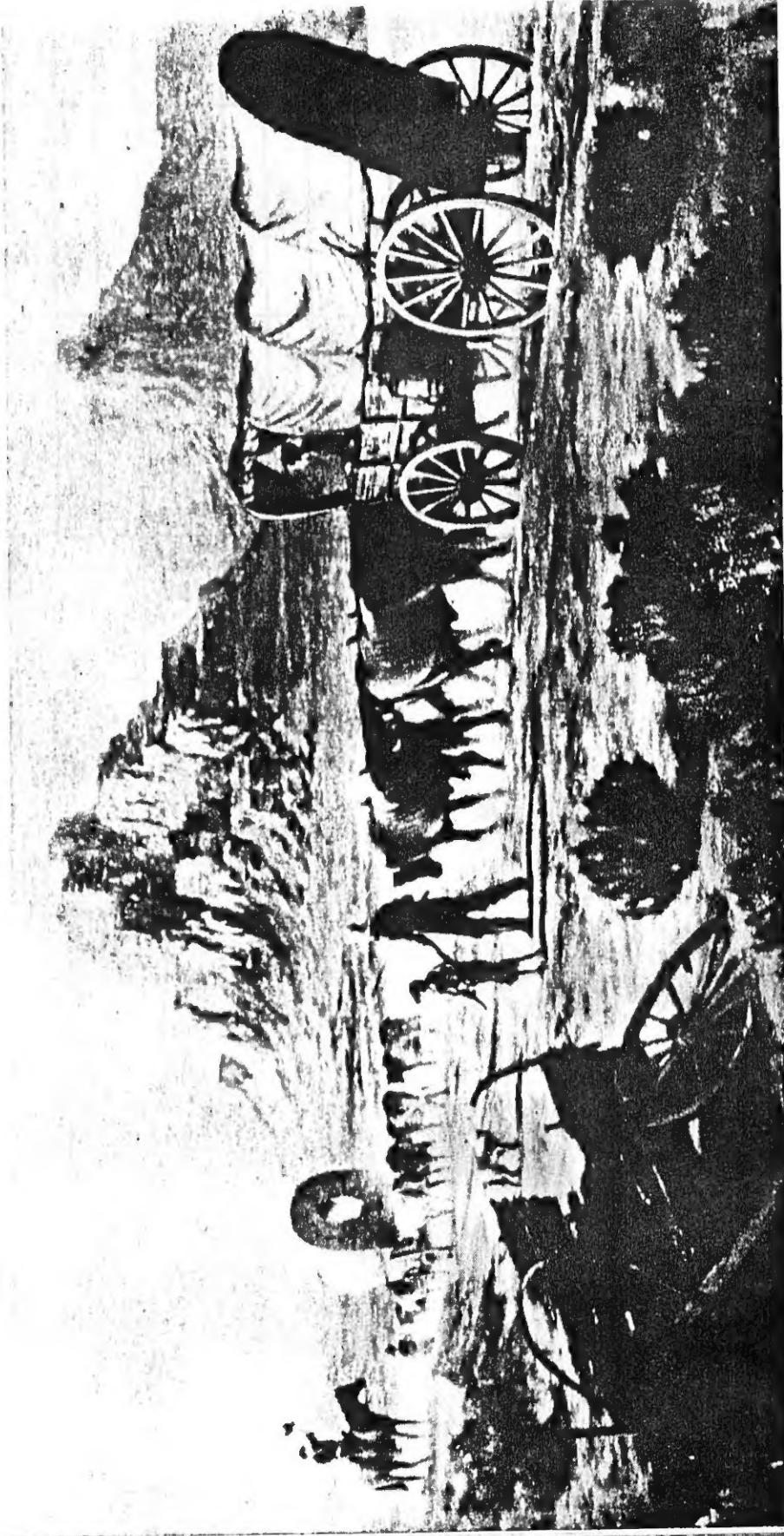


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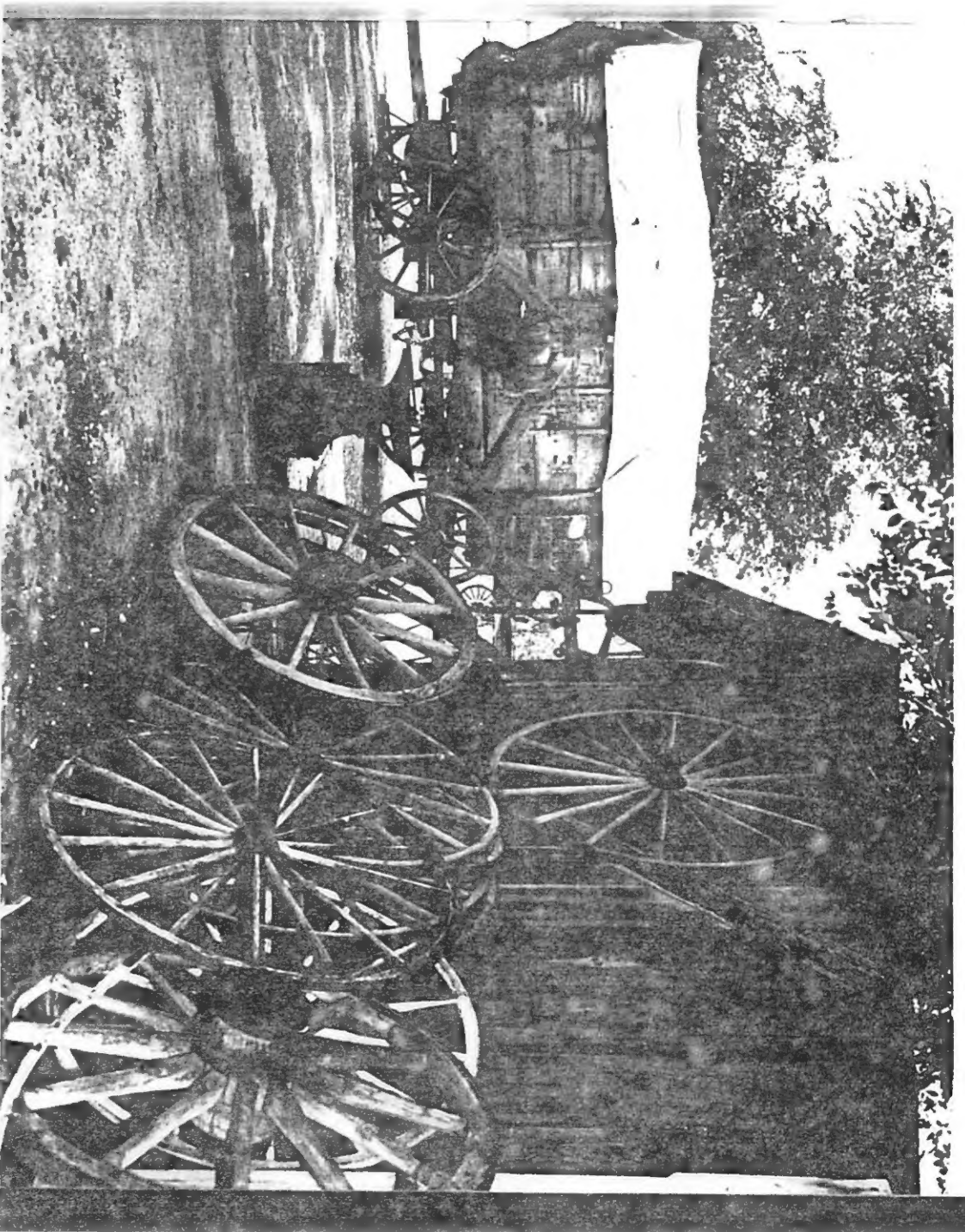
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A freight wagon of pioneer days at Pioneer Village, Salt Lake City
Photo — courtesy Berry Banks Studios, Salt Lake City





He Did It With A Knife And Patience

C. D. Sparks, Salt Lake woodcarver of oxen and covered wagons, exhibits one of his creations as the anniversary of the coming of the pioneers to Utah returns.